

(3) who enlists in the Army for a period of at least 3 years in a skill designated as critical,

may be paid a bonus in an amount prescribed by the Secretary of the Army not to exceed \$4,000. The bonus may be paid in a lump sum or in equal periodic installments, as determined by the Secretary of the Army.

(b)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, a person who voluntarily, or because of his misconduct, does not complete the term of enlistment for which a bonus was paid to him under this section, or a person who is not technically qualified in the skill for which a bonus was paid to him under this section (other than a person who is not qualified because of injury, illness, or other impairment not the result of his own misconduct), shall refund to the United States that percentage of the bonus that the unexpired part of his enlistment is of the total enlistment period for which the bonus was paid.

(2) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under paragraph (1) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

(3) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than 5 years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the member signing such agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or under paragraph (1). This paragraph applies to any case commenced under title 11 after September 30, 1981.

(c) No bonus may be paid under this section with respect to an enlistment in the Army after September 30, 1998.

(Added Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §117(c)(1), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 996; amended Pub. L. 98-14, §2, Mar. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 55; Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, §621(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2540; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, §626(a), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(2), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, §613(e), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1681; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, §613(c), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, §613(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §613(c), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2544.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “September 30, 1998” for “September 30, 1997”.

Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “September 30, 1997” for “September 30, 1996”.

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “September 30, 1996” for “September 30, 1995”.

1993—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-160 substituted “September 30, 1995” for “September 30, 1992”.

1991—Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this subsection” after “paragraph (1)”.

1987—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-180 substituted “September 30, 1992” for “September 30, 1987”.

1984—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-525 substituted “September 30, 1987” for “September 30, 1984”.

1983—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-14 substituted “September 30, 1984” for “September 30, 1983”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Section 613(h)(3) of Pub. L. 103-160 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (e) [amending this section] shall take effect as of September 30, 1992,

and shall apply with respect to an enlistment in the Army described in section 308f of title 37, United States Code, occurring on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to enlistments and reenlistments after Oct. 14, 1981, see section 117(d) of Pub. L. 97-60, set out as an Effective Date of 1981 Amendment note under section 308 of this title.

§ 308g. Special pay: bonus for enlistment in elements of the Ready Reserve other than the Selected Reserve

(a) An eligible person who enlists in a combat or combat support skill of an element (other than the Selected Reserve) of the Ready Reserve of an armed force for a term of enlistment of not less than six years, and who has not previously served in an armed force, may be paid a bonus as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Eligibility for and the amount and method of payment of a bonus under this section shall be determined in accordance with regulations prescribed under subsection (g), except that the amount of such a bonus may not exceed \$1,000.

(c) A bonus may not be paid under this section for a term of enlistment to any person who fails to complete satisfactorily initial active duty for training or who, upon completion of initial active duty for training, elects to serve the remainder of the term of enlistment in the Selected Reserve or in an active component of an armed force.

(d) A person who receives a bonus payment under this section and who fails during the period for which the bonus was paid to serve satisfactorily in the element of the Ready Reserve with respect to which the bonus was paid shall refund to the United States an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of the bonus paid to such person as the period which such person failed to serve satisfactorily bears to the total period for which the bonus was paid.

(e) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under subsection (d) is, for all purposes, a debt owed to the United States.

(f) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an enlistment for which a bonus was paid under this section does not discharge the person receiving such bonus payment from the debt arising under subsection (d). This subsection applies to any case commenced under title 11 after September 24, 1983.

(g) This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for the armed forces under his jurisdiction and by the Secretary of Transportation for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

(h) A bonus may not be paid under this section to any person for an enlistment after September 30, 1992.

(Added Pub. L. 98-94, title X, §1011(a), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 663; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §646(a)(1), title XIII, §1303(b)(3), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 654, 740; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, §626(b), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §613, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1446; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” wherever appearing in subsecs. (a), (b), (e), and (f).

1989—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “September 30, 1992” for “September 30, 1990”.

1987—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 100-180 substituted “September 30, 1990” for “September 30, 1987”.

1985—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99-145, §1303(b)(3), substituted “September 24, 1983” for “the date of the enactment of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 99-145, §646(a)(1), substituted “September 30, 1987” for “September 30, 1985”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 646(a)(1) of Pub. L. 99-145 effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 646(d) of Pub. L. 99-145, set out as a note under section 308h of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1011(c) of Pub. L. 98-94 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [enacting this section and section 308h of this title and repealing section 308d of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1983.”

COAST GUARD; RESERVE FORCES READINESS PROVISIONS
INAPPLICABLE

Reserve Forces Readiness provisions, including amendment of subsec. (b) of this section by Pub. L. 98-525 and Individual Ready Reserve Reenlistment Bonuses note above inapplicable to Coast Guard, see section 552(g) of Pub. L. 98-525, set out as a Reserve Forces Readiness note under section 12001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 308h. Special pay: bonus for reenlistment, enlistment, or voluntary extension of enlistment in elements of the Ready Reserve other than the Selected Reserve

(a)(1) An eligible person who is or has been a member of an armed force and who reenlists, enlists, or voluntarily extends an enlistment in a combat or combat support skill of an element (other than the Selected Reserve) of the Ready Reserve of an armed force for a period of three years, or for a period of six years, beyond any other period the person is obligated to serve may be paid a bonus as provided in subsection (b).

(2) A bonus may not be paid under this section to a person who has failed to complete satisfactorily any original term of enlistment in the armed forces.

(b)(1) Eligibility for and the amount and method of payment of a bonus under this section shall be determined under regulations to be prescribed under subsection (f).

(2) The amount of a bonus under this section—

(A) may not exceed \$1,500, in the case of a person who enlists for a period of six years; and

(B) may not exceed \$750 in the case of a person who enlists for a period of three years.

(3) A bonus paid under this section shall be paid as follows:

(A) In the case of a bonus under paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) \$500 shall be paid at the time of the reenlistment, enlistment, or extension of enlistment for which the bonus is paid; and

(ii) the remainder shall be paid in equal annual increments.

(B) In the case of a bonus under paragraph (2)(B), the amount of the bonus shall be paid in equal annual increments.

(c) A person who receives a bonus payment under this section and who fails during the period for which the bonus was paid to serve satisfactorily in the Ready Reserve shall refund to the United States an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of the bonus paid to such person as the period which such person failed to serve satisfactorily bears to the total period for which the bonus was paid.

(d) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under subsection (c) is, for all purposes, a debt owed to the United States.

(e) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of a reenlistment, enlistment, or extension for which a bonus was paid under this section does not discharge the person receiving such bonus payment from the debt arising under subsection (c). This subsection applies to any case commenced under title 11 after September 24, 1983.

(f)(1) This section shall be administered under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for the armed forces under his jurisdiction and by the Secretary of Transportation for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

(2) Regulations under this section may require that as a condition of receiving a bonus under this section the person receiving the bonus agree to participate in an annual muster of the Reserves, or in active duty for training, as may be required by the Secretary concerned.

(g) A bonus may not be paid under this section to any person for a reenlistment, enlistment, or voluntary extension of an enlistment after September 30, 1998.

(Added Pub. L. 98-94, title X, §1011(a), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 663; amended Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §552(f)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2532; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §646(a)-(c), title XIII, §1303(b)(3), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 654, 740; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, §626(b), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §613, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1446; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (2), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, §612(d), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2421; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, §612(d), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1680; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, §611(d), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, §611(d), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §611(f), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2543.)

AMENDMENTS

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1993—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 103-160 substituted “September 30, 1995” for “September 30, 1993”.

1992—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 102-484 substituted “September 30, 1993” for “September 30, 1992”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” and “of this subsection” wherever appearing.